

Minutes of Ad-Hoc Community Center Committee
June 25, 2014, 7 pm
Suffield Ambulance Conference Room

Present:

Leeayn Burke, John Cloonan, Krystal Holmes, Wendy LaMontagne, Patrick McMahon, Gloria Smith, and Michael Stevens. A representative from Silver Petrucelli was also present. Michael Stevens called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Michael Stevens advised that the Board of Finance approved the Ad Hoc committee to spend up to \$30,000 for a needs assessment, architect fees and environmental study.

Architect from Silver Petrucelli discussed the options the group wanted reviewed; renovating the current building as is, adding an addition of a full size gym to structure at North end and building entirely new building.

Architects will review traffic implications, sewer and water capacity and water pressure for the site. Bridge Street School is on the Historic Register, so the architect did state that the option of a new facility would be more difficult, but it will still be visited. Representative stated that their current Middletown Community Center/Senior Center project would be utilizing available grant monies for repurposing an existing building.

The group brought architect "up to speed" on the needs for a community center and what elements were desired to be incorporated in the design for renovating. Discussed that the group would like to see cost estimate provide cost breakdowns for kitchen options and also "environmentally friendly green" options, like geothermal heat etc. Group discussed that multiple town network options would be reviewed too.

Updates:

1. Wendy LaMontagne went to the Board of Selectman asking for a waiver for only one consultant proposal. The request was approved. Wendy is in the process of getting under contract for this current fiscal year. Michael Stevens will follow up with John Metzger of Global Process Systems Group, Inc. to ensure contract is signed prior to July 1.
2. Wendy requested that the architect firm and consultant from GPS converse about ideas for a community center, so that plans are created in parallel.
3. John Cloonan stated that TRC completed the Phase 1 and identified no PCB's in the soil but did identify lead in the soil.

4. Krystal Holmes purchased a booth at Suffield on the Green to advertise about the community center progress. The group discussed that we would like to have renderings and site plan ready for this event. Silver Petrucelli advised that this could be achieved but not within current contracted scope. Everyone present agreed that spending extra money on this option would be a good idea.

No public input was received.

In conclusion Silver Petrucelli will begin their design and review and have material ready for an August meeting. Wendy will also ensure GPS begins their needs assessment.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7 pm, Suffield Town Hall, Lower Conference Room

Minutes prepared by Krystal Holmes